CIA document admitted as evidence

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BRIDGEPORT – Defense attorneys Thursday succeeded in attempts to enter a CIA document as evidence detailing a list they claim duplicates one used by Arif A. Durrani in selling missle parts to Iran.

Durrani, 37, of Westlake Village, Calif. has admitted to selling \$22,000 worth of Hawk ground-to-air missle guidance system parts to Iran, but contends he was a participant in U.S. attempts to trade arms for hostages held in Lebanon.

The Pakistani national was arrested by customs agents in October 1986 after federal officials learned of plans to sell missle parts to Iran. He has been held without bond in Danbury since his arrest on charges exporting weapons without a license and

exporting without a registration.

The defense attorneys failed in previous attempts to enter a list containing 240 parts and had supoenaed CIA officials to identify it. The change came after Assistant U.S. Attorney Holly B. Fitzsimmons and defense attorney Ira B. Grudberg entered a stipulated agreement admitting the list as evidence.

Grudberg said the list was the same as one dated March 9, 1986 and bearing the signature of former CIA official George Cave.

Earlier, Grudberg had supoenaed former National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver F. North and acting GIA director Robert M. Gates.

North-said through his attorney he would invoke a Fifth Amendment right to remain silent if he was forced to take the witness stand. Gates made a

similar indication.

In other action, U.S. District Court Judge T.F. Gilroy Daly continued to reserve decision on defense attempts to enter an abbreviated 19-page version of the Tower Commission Report as evidence.

"The report would give a broad overview of what the government was doing," Grudberg said in an interview during a break in the trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Denis M. King said the report was filled with "hearsay" and labeled it "untrustworthy."

Ms. Fitzsimmons and Grudberg were scheduled to fly to Portugal Thursday to interview Manuel Pires, whom defense attorneys termed a "key" witness. The interview is schueduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon.

Durrani has identified Pires as a Portuguese arms dealer who claimed to be working for the U.S. government. Pires has refused to return to the United States to testify.

Grudberg said Durrani and co-counsel William M. Bloss will listen to the interview with Pires from federal court in Bridgeport.

Defense attorneys have portrayed Durrani as a "delivery boy" for Pires.

Ms. Fitzsimmons, however, had a different view.

"It will be clear Mr. Durrani planned to make a lot of money from the transactions," Ms. Fitzsimmons told Daly.

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